

Scripture and Background Information for February 3-9

To prepare for discussion each week, group members should use the **Discussion Guide** to complete the **GOD'S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns using the scriptures at the bottom of this page. You will notice that we are continuing the pattern of your discussing scripture *after* the Sunday message on that passage.

Background for Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

This week, we are going to take a look at the book of Ecclesiastes, where Solomon, the same man who wrote Proverbs, the wisest man who ever lived is reflecting back on his life as an older man. He's in the 4th quarter of his life and looking back and questioning so much about the way he lived and the way that we live, if reliant on our perspective alone. He shows the fallacy of it, the vanity, the meaninglessness of that type of lifestyle and Solomon directs us instead to a life of meaning and value, as we see through the lens of reverence and trust in the Lord and in His good plan. And Solomon reflecting on his life, reflecting on God's design see's the value of community and he begins to point out some specific reasons why it's such a good gift from above.

Scriptures for the new series GAMECHANGERS beginning February 10:

February 10	Andrew – Apostle of Small Things	John 1:35-42; John 6:8-9
February 17	James & John – <i>The Powerful</i>	Mark 1:19-20; Mark 10:35-40
February 24	Philip – <i>The Cautious</i>	John 6:5-7; John 14:7-10
March 3	Nathanael – <i>The Prejudiced</i>	John 1:45-49
March 10	Matthew – <i>The Half-Hearted</i>	Matthew 9:9-13
March 1	Simon the Zealot, Thaddaeus, James the Less – <i>The Unseen</i>	Mark 3:13-19, 31-35
March 24	Thomas – <i>The Doubter</i>	John 20:24-29
March 31	Judas – <i>The Traitor</i>	John 12:1-6; Matthew 26:14-16
April 7	Peter – <i>The Performer</i>	Matthew 16:13-18, 21-23